

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masaharu OKU et al.

Application No.: 09/347,525

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE LAMINATION OF BAND-SHAPED
UNCURED RUBBER MATERIALS



Examiner: J. Knable

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CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE ELECTION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A telephone requirement for restriction was made in connection with the
above-identified patent application on May 30, 2001.

The undersigned confirms that in response to that telephone requirement, a
provisional election was made to prosecute Group I, claims 1-9 and 13-15, and Species B
directed to layers used to form tread.

Applicants submit that at least claims 1-6, 8 and 13-15 read on the elected
species.

The provisional election was specifically made with traverse because no basis
therefor has been set forth in the written record.

Respectfully submitted,

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